

Claims

1. A method of exchanging messages using a commonly accessible message board, the method comprising:

5 presenting a user with one or more predefined messages and
 receiving an input from the user selecting one of said predefined
 messages as a message for posting on said message board.

10 2. A method according to claim 1, further comprising posting said
 message on said message board.

15 3. A method according to claim 2, wherein said posting of said message
 on said message board includes sending said message to at least one other
 user.

20 4. A method according to claim 3, wherein said sending said message to at
 least one other user comprises transmitting said data over a communications
 network.

25 5. A method according to claim 3, wherein said sending said message to at
 least one other user comprises transmitting said data over the internet.

30 6. A method according to claim 3, wherein said sending said message to at
 least one other user comprises transmitting said data over a
 telecommunications network.

 7. A method according to claim 3, wherein said sending said message to at
 least one other user comprises transmitting data as a short message service
 (SMS) message.

8. A method according to claim 3, wherein said sending said message to at least one other user comprises transmitting said data over a local area network.

5 9. A method according to claim 1, wherein said presenting said user with said one or more predefined messages comprises outputting graphical representations of said predefined messages to a display.

10 10. A method according to claim 9, wherein said outputting said graphical representations comprises displaying selectable icons using a graphical user interface.

15 11. A method according to claim 10, wherein each of said selectable icons include text of a respective message to be posted to said message board.

12. A method according to claim 10, wherein said selecting said one of said predefined messages includes locating a focus on a one of said selectable icons.

20 13. A computer program for performing the method according to claim 1.

14. An electronic device for exchanging messages using a commonly accessible message board, the device configured to present a user with one or more predefined messages and to receive an input from the user selecting one
25 of said predefined messages as a message for posting on said message board.

15. A device according to claim 13, which is a computer.

30 16. A device according to claim 13, which is a mobile communications device.

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